

Mandated study on rural MMA provisions

ISSUE: The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) mandated that MedPAC “analyze the effect on total payments, growth in costs, capital spending and such other payment effects” of nine MMA policy changes by December 2006.

KEY POINTS: We will discuss the impact of various provisions of the MMA on Medicare payments.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide comments about this mandated report.

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